IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:) Examiner: Courtney D. Thomas
Erik Chell John Couch) Group Art Unit: 2882
Paul Magnuson) Confirmation No.: 2348
Serial No.: 10/065,700)
Filed: November 11, 2002	
For: Method and Apparatus For Controlling Electron Beam Motion Based On Calibration Information)))
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Examiner Thomas:

The Applicant respectfully requests that the following Comments on the reasons for allowance be added to the file.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 and 20 are allowed. The Applicant appreciates the Examiners allowance of these claims and respectfully submits the following Comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The Applicant respectfully submits that the Reasons for Allowance may potentially import interpretations into the claims in relation to the prior art that are unnecessarily limited and may place unwarranted interpretations upon the claims. For example, additional limitations recited in claim 1 and dependent claims 2-9 also serve to distinguish these claims from the art of record. Additional limitations found in claims 10, 11, 18, 21 and dependent claims 12-17 and 19 provide additional bases on which the claims are distinguishable over and allowable in view of the art of record.

The characterization of the claims in view of the prior art put forth in the Reasons for Allowance, while valid ones, do not entirely take into account the Applicant's claimed invention as reflected in the claims, the specification and the prosecution history of the present application. Applicant believes that the claims, the specification, and the prosecution history in their entirety provide an adequate basis for the allowability of the claims.

Additionally, specific parts of the Examiner's reasons for allowance may pertain to limitations appearing in some of the claims, but not others of the claims. The Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner has thoroughly examined the claims, recognized the limitations appearing or not appearing in each of the claims, and properly

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found each of the claims 1-19 and 20 to be allowable based on the record for additional reasons not appearing in the Examiner's reasons for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicant can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the Applicant at the number below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of GTC, Account No. 070845.

Respectfully submitted,

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